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SUBJECT: ADA CASE

1.ADA'S JOE LASSITER CALLED THE DESK OFFICER JULY 22 TO PASS ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM ADA'S ECUADORIAN LAWYER, CARLOS JIMENEZ, WHO OBTAINED IT FROM FONOFF'S ECONOMIC DIRECTOR ROQUE CANADAS: CANADAS SAID THE GOE MIGHT ASK ADA WHY ADA HAS NOT GIVEN THE GOE THE SEISMIC DATA AND THE GEOPHYSICAL FINDINGS ADA OBTAINED WHILE WORKING IN ECUADOR.

2. LASSITER SAID THAT IF ADA IS ASKED SUCH A QUESTION, ADA WILL REPLY THAT THE GOE'S HYDROCARBON LAW IN 1972 STATED THAT GEOPHYSICAL AND RELATED DATA WAS THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF THE CONCESSION OPERATOR FOR FIVE YEARS FROM THE TIME THE WORK WAS DONE. SINCE ADA BEGAN ITS OPERATIONS IN 1968, IT HAD UNTIL 1973 BEFORE IT HAD TO TURN OVER ITS DATA TOTHEGOE. SINCE, HOWEVER, THE GOE ABROGATED THE CONTRACT 1972, ADA NO LONGER FEELS OBLIGED TO TURN OVER ANYTHING.

3. CANADAS ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL SUBMIT THEIR REPORT TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL THIS WEEK. ROBINSON
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